

75 per cent in respect of certain hi-tech items including personal computers for exports to Russia under the debt repayment etc. It is expected that these measures would help in further expanding Indo-Russian trade in the coming years.

(d) The agreements signed recently include Agreement on Cooperation and mutual Assistance in Customs Matters, Agreement on the Avoidance of Double Taxation, Plant Protection and Quarantine Agreement and Agreement for certification of information technology products. These agreements will help in creating better business environment in the two markets for exporters and importers and facilitate trade growth.

[English]

#### **Supply of Coal to Badarpur Power Station**

677. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the regular supply of coal is not being made to the Thermal Power Station at Badarpur in Delhi as per its requirement for the last some time and as a result of which the acute shortage of power has arisen in Delhi;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of units of Badarpur Thermal Power Stations which have been closed during the last three years, till date;

(d) the quantum of coal supplied to the above Station during the last three years till date and the sanction of short supplied of its requirement; and

(e) the effective steps being taken by the Union Government to ensure regular supply of coal to this station as per its requirement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) : (a) and (b) Badarpur Thermal Power Station (BTPS) gets its coal supplies regularly. During the current year i.e. from April to October, 97 against a linkage of 2.53 million tonnes, 2.27 million tonnes has been supplied. With this supply the coal stock at Badarpur TPS has increased to 29 days consumption on 31.10.97 from 2 days consumption on 1.4.97.

(c) On occasion coal supplies have been restricted to the payment received.

(d) the details of despatches made during the years 1995-96, 1996-97 and for the period April, 97 to October, 97 are given below:

(In '000 tonnes)

Year	Linkage	Actual Supplies
1995-96	3480	2376
1996-97	3530	3214
1997-98	2530	2270

(e) Coal India is being geared up to supply adequate quantity of coal as per linkage to Badarpur TPS. However, the power stations should ensure full and timely payment against coal bills for regular movement of coal. Coal companies also remain in constant touch with the power station and railways for smooth movement of coal to the power station.

#### **Dumping of HR Steel Products**

678. SHRI AMAR PAL SINGH :  
SHRI ANANT GUDHE :  
SHRI MADHUKAR SIRPOTDAR :  
SHRI SURESH PRABHU :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any complaints regarding dumping of HR Steel products in India by Russia and CIS countries;

(b) if so, whether the Government have conducted any enquiry in this regard; and

(c) the outcome of the enquiry and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (DR. BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) to (c) The Designated Authority appointed under the Customs Tariff Act and the Rules made thereunder has initiated Anti-Dumping investigations on 6.10.97 for alleged dumping of Hot Rolled Coils/Sheets/Plates from Russia, Ukraine and Kazakhstan.

Under the Anti-Dumping laws, investigations are required to be completed within one year from the date of initiation, i.e., by 5.10.98 in this case. The findings are issued by way of an appellable order and are published in the official gazette.

11.08 hrs.

*The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the clock on Monday, November 24, 1997/  
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